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## Prices and Prospects.

### SHARPLY STIFFEN DO THE PRICES OF CONTRACT COKE

Last Quarter Coke Held at  
\$2.00 With No Anxiety  
to Sell at That.

### PIG IRON IS READY TO JUMP

Though the Market Conditions Seem to  
be Most Peasant with Reference  
Especially to Lake Front Stocks,  
General Upward Movement on Way.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, July 14.—Coke operators have stiffened sharply in their attitude to contract coke, in view of the increasingly favorable reports in the steel industry and indications that after its long lethargy the pig iron market is on the verge of an important advance. The last stiffening in furnace coke occurs by a shortening of the period of delivery, which at the market price, as at \$1.75 only July and third quarter coke seems to be obtainable, and by no means all brands at that figure, while for the whole second half, about \$2.00 would probably represent the minimum quotation that could be elicited today. There is not much inquiry at the moment, however, to test prices and the coke operators seem to be well satisfied with that phase of the situation, believing that as the classes they will have good ground for asking late coke still higher prices.

The spot furnace coke market exhibits considerable strength in that after the Fourth of July flury it has not receded to its former level. There is not a large amount of spot coke available, and even a very moderate demand would quickly absorb it.

It is understood that the last of the Lackawanna stocks is gone, and that the coke for this furnace is to be bought from the Shenango Valley furnaces to blow in Bessemer iron shorts, and a high grade of Connellsville furnace coke will have to be secured.

The coke market is quoted approximately as follows:

Spot furnace ..... \$1.60 per \$1.75  
July and third quarter, ..... \$1.75  
Second half furnace ..... \$2.00  
Prompt foundry ..... \$2.00 or \$2.50  
Contract foundry ..... \$2.20 or \$2.50

The pig iron market has certainly come to life, but under rather peculiar circumstances. Furnaces in some districts have stiffened in their price views, while furnaces in other districts have let loose, and at the very time that Lake front furnaces, particularly in Cleveland, have sold iron for delivery in West Virginia and Central Ohio at less than the average Valley furnaces have marked up their quotations and professed confidence in observation of independence.

The large mills are item at \$2.25 for bars, plates and shapes for third quarter and are quoting 1.30c on fourth quarter with increasing frequency.

Blue annealed and blue sheets are doing very well considering the extremely light production of galvanized. The National Tube Company has been quoted at \$1.80c on the plate market the export demand is a very important factor. The new wire prices are not well established as yet, but the wire outlook is very favorable. Cotton ties are established at 5c a bundle, against 6c last season.

### INCREASING ACTIVITY IN COKE, PIG IRON AND STEEL

Indicates General Iron Trade Movement of Utter Importance and  
Makers Sanguine.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, July 14.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the iron and steel situation tomorrow as follows:

Iron and coke, pig iron and steel markets are all in the same stage of increased activity in the month of July is conclusive evidence that the general iron trade is in the midst of a movement of the first importance. The whole trade has become extremely sanguine. Two months ago it was regarded as courageous to predict that the steel mills would be operating practically at capacity by August, however, since then has come such that predictions are now made that there will be a coming market in coke, pig iron and steel by that time.

The Eastern pig iron market shows a stiffening tendency. In the Central West pig iron displays the most robust cross-currents ever exhibited since the fall of 1914, securing more vigorously than normal Valley territory than ever before, while at the very same time the Valley furnaces themselves are marking up their quotations, and in some instances securing the advanced prices. Sales have been made of 3,000 tons of base at \$1.35. Valley furnaces, and of 2,000 and 1,000 tons of Bessemer iron, respectively, while basic iron has sold at \$1.25 and recently at that figure, while front furnaces. The Valley furnaces are quoting on about 50,000 tons of export passenger.

Open-hearth billets and sheet bars are very hard to buy at any price and the minimum of the market is up at least 50 cents a ton. Although these are available, however, capacity quotations on Bessemer billets and sheet bars are also high.

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### FURNACES SPEEDING UP

All Open Hearth Plants of Steel Corporation Go In.

The United States Steel Corporation has ordered all of its open hearth furnaces into commission. This means that during the current week 90 percent of its ingot capacity will be active, after a drop below 70 percent for a few days, incidentally to suspend sales in observation of Independence day.

Since July 1 buying has been less heavy than in June, when orders for rolled products were an excess of the full capacity of the mills, and shipments averaged close to 38,500 tons per day, or approximately 1,000,000 tons in the aggregate. Output of ingots was in excess of 2,000,000 tons and production of unfinished material exceeded shipments. Unfilled orders amounted to 14,500 tons. Orders booked were estimated at 1,145,000 tons.

### SOME LAKE CONGESTION.

Upon Vessels Have to Wait for  
Cargoes.

For the first time this season are carfairs at Lake Erie ports are waiting to get under the mailings. This is due to the congestion caused by the double holiday and by the fact that vessels have been arriving fast lately.

The surplus of tonnage at Lake Erie ports have made inroads into coal cars and even vessels belonging to the railroads have had to go back twice, rather than sail for a cargo. There will be no much change in the general situation until the congestion is fully relieved.

The ore trade is definitely expected to improve from now on and the total movement for the season will be in the neighborhood of 40,000,000 tons.

### CRUCIBLE STEEL COMPANY.

Orders for Tool Metal Placed With  
the Company Largely Domestic.

Additional shipping facilities will be provided by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for industrial plants now located at Chestnut Bay, Baltimore, or which might be erected in that territory in the future by extending the present Sawmill Branch considerably more than a mile. When completed it will give direct truck connections at numerous points about this particular portion of the company's line around the city.

Cards Bay is at present booked up in as particularly in active section for the location of large industries and many have been erected there in recent years.

### GATES NOW WORKING.

Temporary Run Begins, Due to Re-  
pairs at Ellerton.

Gates, a coal shipping line of the Pittsburgh Coke Company, has started up Monday for a temporary run necessitated by lessening the output of Ellerton, another coal shipping mine.

Gates mine has been idle for some time, but Ellerton has been running for over a year. Reply to the name of the gate system at the Ellerton mine caused

## Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

### Statistical Summary.

| PRODUCTION.              | WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 1915. |       |        | WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1915. |        |        |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------|--------|----------------------------|--------|--------|
|                          | DISTRICT.                  | Ton.  | Quan.  | Ton.                       | Quan.  | Ton.   |
| Connellsville.....       | 21,500                     | 1,180 | 6,496  | 18,000                     | 20,567 | 1,181  |
| Lower Connellsville..... | 17,128                     | 1,081 | 5,617  | 15,574                     | 17,128 | 5,655  |
| Totals.....              | 38,628                     | 2,261 | 12,113 | 33,605                     | 26,116 | 12,519 |

FURNACE OVENS.

Connellsville..... 17,412 12,327 5,058 156,110 17,113 12,347

Lower Connellsville..... 5,562 4,613 3,939 55,575 5,652 5,655

Totals..... 23,000 16,940 8,997 215,685 22,768 18,010

MERCHANT OVENs.

Connellsville..... 1,151 2,511 1,610 30,590 1,151 2,510

Lower Connellsville..... 1,187 2,798 1,678 30,607 1,187 2,798

Totals..... 10,320 5,309 3,288 125,257 10,321 3,286

SHIPMENTS.

WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 1915.

To Pittsburgh..... 3,183 Cars.

To Points West of Pittsburgh..... 1,211 Cars.

To Points East of the Region..... 966 Cars.

Totals..... 8,575 Cars.

WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1915.

328 Cars.

1,149 Cars.

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1,142 Cars.



## STEEL CORPORATION UNFILLED TONNAGES SURPRISE TO MARKET

**Increase is 100,000 Tons  
Beyond the Most Hope-  
ful Estimate.**

## BIG CONCERN IS ON THE JOB

**Has Promptly Solved Problems Arising as a Result of the European War. Erection of Zinc Plant is an Example of Foresight of the Concern**

The United States Steel Corporation in its monthly statement issued Saturday reported unfilled orders on its books as of June 30 last of 1,751,116 tons. This compares with 1,663,93 tons on May 31 last an increase of 413,58 tons and with 4,042,567 tons on June 30, 1914.

The increase of 413,588 tons in the unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation, exceeding all it does by more than 100,000 tons the most optimistic estimate which had generally been given, was taken as one of the best evidences of the manner in which the country has even as yet failed to grasp the tremendous boom for the steel industry which the war has brought.

Added to the constantly increasing size of its orders from abroad and from foreign manufacturers who are besieged with war orders, further property is to the United States Steel Corporation is assured by the systematic manner in which the Corporation is meeting the new conditions created by the war so as to effect widespread economies in costs of operation while at the same time no man is hampering the Corporation's production.

As one of the greatest consumers of zinc in the country the Corporation quickly met the situation created by the sky-reaching rise in zinc prices by turning into the zinc business itself. In similar manner the United States Steel Corporation is now giving attention to the problem of zinc transportation and under the methods of handling that problem which are now practically all worked out the Corporation has finally placed itself in the position in which it is assumed that all those products for which it is itself responsible for delivery abroad will go forward under the difficulties which have attended the transportation problem in recent months.

This latter work has been chiefly in the hands of the United States Steel Products Company. The latter subsidiary of the Steel Corporation is handling most of the orders placed from abroad and is now enjoying a vitality which even the most optimistic of the steel doctors had little dreamed of a few months ago as possible.

## MINING DISPUTE HEARD

Testimony is Taken in Interrogation Suit of W. J. Rainey

LUTHER TOWN, July 1.—Testimony was taken this morning before Judge Van Santzen in the injunction proceedings instituted by W. J. Rainey against D. J. and C. W. Johnson of Luthtown, the Rainey Company through its attorneys J. C. Higgins and J. G. Carroll is seeking to restrain the defendants from using a bore hole which the plaintiffs claim carries a quantity of water from the Johnson mine in the Rainey mine at Mount Braddock. The defendants are engaged in mining the five foot vein of coal above the nine foot of Connellsville vein which is operated by the Rainey interests.

Testimony brought out by the plaintiff showed that about a year ago they found that the capacity of the mine pumps of the lower mine was being exceeded and the investigation showed that water was flowing from the Johnson mine into the Rainey shaft workings in a geyser of the Rainey mine. A possibility of the cause of the flood of three years ago when fourteen miners were drowned in the periphery of the Evans Coal & Coke Company was cited. The plaintiff's claim that an accumulation of water bursting through would impell the likes of sixty or seventy miners employed in the lower part of the mine.

For the plaintiffs James Dunn, mining engineer to W. J. Rainey and James Stump also of the Rainey company testified.

## MISSOURI COAL

**Output for 1914 Falls Somewhat Below Year Previous**

The coal mined in Missouri in 1914 amounted to 3,308,980 short tons valued at the mines at \$1,502,325 compared with 1913, with the total production of Missouri was 1,715,116 short tons valued at \$1,168,105 the return for 1913, according to the United States Geological Survey, this shows a decrease of 1,593,116 tons in quantity and of \$334,220 in value. The decreased production of 1914 was due principally to the unusually cold weather throughout the winter and to the lessened demand for coal due to the fact that the steam coal by means of two cars fully well maintained during the year the transportation facilities were ample and satisfactory and there was little interruption to mining on account of labor trouble. There were a cast out strike was but no prolonged period of idleness, therefore being less than a quarter of the time made.

For the 6,000 men employed work in an average of 172 days the over annual production of men was 1,715,116 tons or 100 per cent working days. About half of Missouri's coal production is sold to market 1,23,017 tons or 16 per cent of the total having been sent to the coal in 1,116 slight improvement showing in these figures of 1,116 as against 1,092,216 tons or 17 per cent of the total in 1913.

If you have coal for sale ad write it in the Weekly Courier.

## EXPERTS IN STEEL INDUSTRY GRABBING RICH FOREIGN JOBS

Taking Positions Formerly Held by Workers of the Nations Now at War.

The like of high salaries is creating expert American iron and steel workers principally from the oil fields of the world. Leading technical experts in the trades exceeding such movement ever before known and is due to the fact that Australian iron and steel companies since it has never been in the to let their expert workers leave for other countries in the manner that obtained previous to the conflict.

Australia Canada India and South America are among the nations calling the American workers who are wanted to instruct the workers in those countries. One of the principal movements to Australia was that of the American foremen who are to take up positions with the Newcastle Iron & Steel Works in Sydney. They were accompanied by their families and many companies followed them. The big Latin workers in India are seeking the American workers who are wanted to instruct the workers in those countries. One of the best evidences of the manner in which the country has even as yet failed to grasp the tremendous boom for the steel industry which the war has brought.

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With the return of the American workers it is intended that they should be in position with the latest orders which will have as objective in the ultimate goal of the foreign customer to whom it is to be sold.

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## CITIZENS REGISTER VIGOROUS KICKS AT COUNCIL MEETING

**John Mitchell Tells What Ought to be Done on Pittsburg Street.**

## G. A. MUNSON FILES PROTEST

**Says He Will Hold City Responsible For Changes Necessary by Change of Grade on Murphy Avenue; Other Business at Short Session of Body.**

Council's hour session Monday was largely taken up with the hearing of various even vehement protests of citizens of the North End and Pinnacle districts regarding conditions existing in those sections. The councilmen were in a hurry to get through, but the complainants were assured that something would be done to bring them off. On the eve of inspection this morning council made a personal inspection of the places noted by the state residents.

John Mitchell, a resident of North Pittsburg street along the portion now being paved, was the most vigorous kicker. Once before Mr. Mitchell protested against paving the street while an old water main was in. At that time, he said he had reason to believe that the iron was almost eaten through. On Saturday night, after three years, were gas-lit lanterns when a section of pipe burst, flooding the entire district. He said that it would be folly to pave that street with such a pipe in and he further insisted that he would never lay a pavement until which makes the water unfit for use and the consumer "had enough to kill his mother-in-law."

G. A. Munson, who had registered a kick on another subject, suggested that the city commissioners should lay a new line in the rear of houses so pipe laid in coke ashes will never endue. The suggestion met the favor of Mr. Mitchell and council and it will likely be adopted.

Mr. Mitchell also complained of a sewer drop in front of his residence which pointed forth foul fumes constantly. This also is to be put up to council on its tour of inspection today.

G. A. Munson told council that the new grade on Murphy avenue would make such changes necessary to his property and different areas as would be held to the city liable for them. Mr. Munson said he laid his walk according to grade furnished him 10 years ago and now the city has come up and changed it. He declared he expected the city to make changes to the driveway which he and A. C. Herwick had built at a cost of several hundred dollars so that they can get in to their property and also to take care of any sidewalk damage. He then protested against the removal of the trees, now constituted by the new paving.

G. W. Curry representing the Trades & Labor Council, registered a protest against purchasing any fire apparatus from the American La France Company charging that this concern was unfair to organized labor. He was directed to put his protest in writing in order that it may be considered in the council bids for new automobile trucks.

Larl Lanetta asked council when Cottage Avenue between Main and Apple streets is to be paved. He was assured that it would be reached in due time on the paving program and completed this summer.

Malachi Duggan asked council what rights he had as paving contractor on North Pittsburg street to make the water company close up holes it does there regarding his work.

Councilman J. S. Gans reported following expenditures in the various departments for the six months ending July 1.

Public Affairs . . . . . \$ 5,107.07  
Accounts . . . . . 1,077.77  
Safety . . . . . 9,180.95  
Streets . . . . . 10,712.11  
Parks . . . . . 1,615.61

Total . . . . . \$ 8,616.02

The average monthly expenditure for 1915 was \$1,729, average for 1914, \$4,525. He also reported that \$44,188.80 in old debts had been paid off.

The mandatory ordinance prohibiting citizens from showing here was not taken owing to the absence of Mr. Weller.

An ordinance providing for the return of license fees to the volunteer firemen that had been collected from the Sheedey show was introduced by Mr. Gans. It will come up next meeting.

Adjournment was taken to meet again on July 21 at 7:30 P. M. Members present were J. L. Gans, T. J. Hooper, John Duggan and Mayor Lockwell Mattox.

## CITY GIVES \$100

**Belgian Relief Commission Reports Receipt of Counter Donation**

In acknowledging the receipt of checks for \$33 from the Belgian relief committee, Senator William Penn of Pittsburgh, states that miscellaneous checks from Connellsville residents sent by mail will swell the total contributions to about \$100.

Due to the extraordinary conditions Connellsville response to the appeal from Belgium relief was not as good as was expected. The committee states that small contributions can be made to save money in this distressed country.

Previously Connellsville and surrounding towns raised a substantial sum for the Belgians at a charity card party held in the armory.

## Licensed to Wed

Ernest Getchell and Eleanor Ruth Colborn both of Connellsville, William Dowe of Doubt and Mrs. Nannie Jones of Connellsville were granted marriage licenses in Unontown Saturday.

The Weekly Courier \$1 a year.

## COURT IS ASKED TO CONFIRM SALE OF THOMPSON REALTY

**Receivers Seek to Deposit of Small Property Office Name of Busi-**

**Court Dismisses**

UNIONTOWN, July 14.—A confirmation of the sale of certain property owned by W. J. Thompson was asked in court today by W. J. Standis attorney for the receivers. One said that of 75.02 acres of coal to Roy A. Faunes and others trustees of the estate of W. J. Salter. The amount fixed was \$125,731, of which \$113,731 is to be a first mortgage and \$10,500 cash.

The sale of 137 acres in Stewart Township, the Bayard farm, for \$125,731, was agreed upon. It is also proposed to sell 111 acres of the Gilmore farm in Union township to Thomas S. Hanes for \$1,000 and a lumber yard to Republic to John O. Hoover for \$70. The receivers assert that the prices quoted are better than could be obtained at public sale.

Mr. Michael Lyons Goldstein, well known in Uniontown where she resides in little more than a year, a former divorcee, is also mentioned. By Judge J. Q. Van Sweringen from William Goldstein of Philadelphia in his testimony, Mrs. Goldstein sold her husband her home and immoral and accused her of infidelity.

Mrs. Alice Skiles of Leekrone was granted a divorce from Mrs. Anna E. Miller in little more than a year. She is a graduate of the University of Montana.

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## THE SPEECHMAKING IS BRIEF

**Miss Mary Stewart Dean of University of Montana Addresses Crowd in Blithstone Center Bell Tower in Lawns Where Party Gets Underway**

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## BIG GAS STRIKE RECALLS DAYS OF FAYETTE DRILLING

**Excitement Followed Opening of the Rider Well in German Township.**

### IT IS STILL A GOOD PRODUCER

**Prospectors Flocked to German and Surrounding Townships, But None Brought in Was as Good as That Owned by Fayette Company**

The excitement caused by the big gas well struck near McKeever has recalled the rush of gas prospectors to this county when the old Rider well in German township now owned by the Fayette Gas Fuel Company was struck in 1886. Some of the history of this well and a few facts about it at present are told by Superintendent E. Angelo yesterday.

He said the discovery of this well came about in a peculiar way. The well was first owned by Attorneys Alfred Miner and several other young men who were prospecting for oil around that part of the country. There was an old driller and contractor that claimed that he could tell whether there was gas by looking at the surrounding territory. Some drilling was done, but no gas was found. The contractor asked for a bottle of water, and after looking at it said that the section was rich with gas.

A well known as the Rider well was drilled and the best spot in the whole county was struck. The gas when tapped had a rock pressure of 300 pounds. The well was first drilled in 1886 and has been active ever since. It now has a rock pressure of 100 pounds.

It took the Rider well but one minute to get the necessary pressure after the pipes were shut. In most wells it takes a few hours. The Rider well caused thousands of others to be drilled around in that vicinity, but none so good was struck. It supplied the entire borough of Uniontown for five years after it was drilled.

Not over 50,000 feet per day is gotten from the Rider, nor, however, as it has been connected with the West Virginia main, and on account of this high pressure in that line cannot force much gas into it.

The Fayette Gas Fuel Company is now drilling wells near Gapville not far from Greencastle, that promise to become good producers.

**SCOTTDALIE** July 9.—Interest in oil and gas testing west of town has been turned into a new flame by leasing of land which now goes on. The leasing is drawing nearer to town than it has ever been before. Last year, while the author of this column was in town and Capitol and down toward Uniontown has been going on, there have been many who argued that the most promising land to attempt development lies closer to town.

The Phillips Gas & Oil Company of Butler, a large producing concern, now has representatives in the field taking up several thousand acres on which they intend to make tests for oil or gas.

There is another company also leasing in the field. They have now got as far to the east that farms are being leased in the neighborhood of Cunningham's bridge and practically within a mile of Scottdale. The usual eighth is agreed to in the case of striking oil while the gas leasing rates are graduated by the amount of production it is said. It is safe that if agreement is made that test holes will be drilled within three months after the last lease is taken up. Farmers generally are leasing. A rental is promised for farms not tested.

Several thousand acres of land in South Uniontown, too, upon which James East Lindsay's held under lease by the Phillips company will be tested, and considerable activity is expected in that township during the summer. Included in the leaseholdings is a 400 acre tract owned by Josiah B. Pore of West Newton and the first hole will be drilled on the Pore farm near Williamsburg. The derrick is now in course of construction.

### IN ON GAS STRIKE

**Scottdale Folks Have Stock in Company Which Struck Big Well**

SCOTTDALIE, July 9.—With active leasing of land for gas tests in this vicinity, the interest in the million and a half dollar gas well with a flow of 40,000,000 feet a day on the George Spiegel farm near East McKeever is heightened by the fact that local men own land there. A C and B Overholt went to the place this morning. They own a farm of about 80 acres adjoining the one on which the giant well was drilled. Immediately after the news of gas they were sought by interested parties who wanted to buy it for lease.

H. D. Hoover, formerly Pennsylvania Railroad agent at this place and now in a similar capacity at Uniontown, accompanied by Mrs. Hoover, went in the morning train today. Mr. Hoover is one of the concerns that brought in the big well. He was at East McKeever yesterday and says the well is a most tremendous and wonderful sight. Attempts will be made to cap it today.

### LIMESTONE QUARRIES

**Blair County Output Is Now Highest on Record**

For the first time in eight years the limestone quarries of the United States Steel Corporation near Ebensburg were operated in full on Sunday and on Independence Day.

The output of limestone in Blair county where Pittsburgh steel furnaces obtain their supply is 80% the highest record.

Have You Coal Land for Sale? If you have coal land for sale advertise it in the Weekly Courier.

### COKE MAKERS HAVE FAILED TO WIN DOMESTIC MARKET

Despite the Fact That Fuel Is Superior to Anthracite, It Still Lacks Demand.

While coke is now a limited extent the object of an article. In the current issue of Coal Age is to intress upon the manufacturer of coke the gold opportunity that awaits his product in a real competitor in the domestic anthracite market.

Coke has all the advantages of anthracite and in addition several that the latter does not possess—greater cleanliness, uniformity of quality and largely cheaper when price and quality are considered.

Years ago coke as a domestic fuel was condemned on the score that it burned the houses. Of course it did, for the only coke known to commerce at that time was the hard silvery German coke. This is the coke that has driven anthracite from its position being the chief means of smelting ores until now practically no anthracite is used for that purpose. Fine coke was only intended for this one purpose, that of creating intense heat, and when tried in a domestic furnace it failed and would not burn.

Times have changed and the fuel business also and now with the introduction of the by-product coke or coke ash setting a rapidly satisfactory coke for domestic use. But even now the market for such coke has been mostly touched. Much of the original prelude against coke still persists and must be swept away before the market can be made.

Fortunately there is a way for these companies to turn the tide. At this time coke is up to the position of the poor man's fuel—the fuel for him who can spend but 5 or 10 cents at a time. Yet while the poor man's fuel the us is nevertheless getting more for his money and is at the same time reducing a tax somewhat akin to that of coal. Those who for centuries have believed that coke is bad for health are asked to think again.

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